for the top ten countries are as follows:

Country	Tourist Arrivals to India (Jan-May 2005)
U.K.	2,92,942
U.S.A.	2,23,407
Bangladesh	2,00,060
Canada	65,268
France	60,011
Germany	56,470
Sri Lanka	56,352
Japan	40,955
Malaysia	37,433
Australia	34,293

(c) The estimate foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the period January-September, 2005 were about Rs. 18,380 crore compared to Rs. 15,244 crore during the same period of the year 2004.

Ongoing Tourism Projects in U.P.

†1488. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress of the ongoing tourism projects particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the actual and financial targets fixed during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether State Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any new proposals to Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs for tourism-related projects which are identified in consultation with the State concerned every year for providing financial assistance under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits, Product and Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects.

The details of the financial assistance provided to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for tourism-related projects during the last three years and current financial year up to 31.11.2005 are given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects Sanctioned To The State Of Uttar Pradesh During The Last Three Years And Current Financial Year

Rs. in lakh

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned
	2002-03	
1.	Integrated Development of Vaishali-Nalanda-Rajgir-Bodhgaya-Varanasi Circuit: 1. Development works at Dharmachakra Pravattan Udyan at Sarnath- Rs. 72,00 lakh 2. Development of Rajendra Ghat and Dashashmegh Ghat at Varanasi-Rs. 29.00 lakh 3. Landscaping around Chaukhandi Satupa at Sarnath, Varanasi-Rs. 90.00 lakh 4. Signages - Rs. 5.00 lakh	196.00
	2003-04	
1.	Construction of Interpretation Centre/Shopping Centre and related development works and services at Fatehpur Sikri	495.80
2.	Celebration of Ramayan Mela at Chitrakut in March, 2004	2.50
3.	Celebration of Ganga Festival at Varanasi, 2003	2.50
4.	Development/Beautification of Ram-ki Paidi in Ayodhya (Distt. Faizabad)	98.18
5.	(i) Beautification of Pucca Talab, at Etawah - Rs. 102.49 lakhs (ii) Beautification/expansion of Tourist Complex near Sumer Singh Fort at Etawah - Rs. 61.55 lakhs	164.04
6.	Installation of Sound and Light Show at Sarnath	352.00
	TOTAL	**1115.02**

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned
	2004-05	
1.	Development of (1) Ma Shakumbhari Devi Temple (2) Baba Haridas Mandir (3) Qutabe Alam Dargah at Gangoh in Shahranpur Distt. Under scheme for Dev. of Rural Tourism Under destination development	49.28
2.	Renovation of Radha Kund and Shyam Kund in Mathura Distt. under destination development	145.35
3.	Setting up of Modern Reception Centre at Gorakhpur under destination development	245.66
4.	Renovation/Beautification of Kusum Sarovar at Govardhan (Distt. Mathura) under destination development	100.77
5.	Extension and development of Assi Ghat at Varanasi under destination development	464.78
6.	Floodlighting of Mahatma Gandhi Statute at Hazrat Ganj and Vijay Stambh at La Martiniere College at Lucknow under destination development	11.84
7.	Ganga Festival, 2004 at Varanasi	2.50
8.	Holi Festival, 2005 at Barsana (Distt. Mathura)	5.00
9.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at Village Bhaguwala in Shahranpur Distt.	19.75
	TOTAL	**1044.93**
	2005-06	
1.	Beautification/Renovation/Construction of TICCI Fort Complex at Etawah	55.68
2.	Beautification of Kali Vahan Temple at Etawah	46.90
3.	Preparation of Site Survey Plan of Parkrama Path for Goverdhan and Vrindavan Research Institute at Vrindavan	0.79
4.	Development and Beautification of Nana Rao Smarak at Bithoor (Distt. Kanpur Nagar)	422.17
5.	Renovation/Beautification of Chhatries of Goverdhan in Mathura Distt.	58.60
6.	Celebration of Jhani Ayurved Festival, 2004	2.50
7.	Development of Garhmukteshwar - Brij Ghat under Destination Development Scheme	256.80
8.	Development of Rae Bareli and surrounding area under Destination Development Scheme	490.27
9.	Development of Wayside amenities around Ghuisarnath Dham, Block Sangipur, Distt. Pratapgarh under Destination Development Scheme	258.09
10.	Development of Mirzapur-Chunar-Robertsganj under Vidhya Tourist Circuit	800.00
11.	Investors' Meet at Agra in Feb., 2006	15.00
	TOTAL	**2406.80**